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TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 31, 2016—For Immediate Release. Planning your camping trip to the National Forests in Florida just got a whole lot easier. Starting April 1, 2016, reservations for two campgrounds in the Apalachicola National Forest will be available online. Online reservations for one group campground in the Osceola National Forest will begin May 1, 2016.

Forest users can visit <u>Recreation.gov</u> to reserve campsites at <u>Camel Lake</u> and <u>Wright Lake</u> Campgrounds in the Apalachicola National Forest and <u>The Group Landing</u> group site in the Osceola National Forest. On the homepage, search by forest or campground and follow the steps to secure your reservation.

"We want to make sure it's as simple as possible for our visitors to be able to get out and enjoy the National Forests in Florida," said Jesse English, Recreation Program Manager for the Forest Service, "and making reservations online allows campers to be certain they will have a camp site before they pack up and travel to the forest."

Across the forests, most campgrounds are currently filled on a first come, first served basis. The campgrounds now taking reservations still have many sites available as first come, first serve. The Group Landing will only be available for reservation online.

For more information about your National Forests in Florida, including amenities available at campsites and camping fees, visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/florida